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To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of the Borough of Lostwithiel.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Borough for the year 1952.

Thanks are due to Mr. Webb, the Sanitary Inspector of the Council, for his work throughout the year. Thanks are due also to Mr. Watts and other Council Officers for co-operation and help. I wish to record my gratitude to Members of the Public Health Committee for their interest and support.

I have the honour to be, Sirs,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) J.G.S. TURNER.

Medical Officer of Health.

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	3050.
Population (Estimated mid-year)	2079.
Number of Inhabited Houses	661.
Rateable Value.	9796.
Product of a Penny Rate.	£39. 9s. 5d.

	Male	Female	Total	Rate per 1000 Population. Lostwithiel	England and Wales.
LIVE BIRTHS					
Legitimate	17	11	29	13. 94.	
Illegitimate	1	0			
For comparative purposes rate corrected for age and sex distribution				15. 89.	15. 3.
STILL BIRTHS					
Legitimate	0	0	0	0. 0.	0. 35.
Illegitimate	0	0	0		
DEATHS	12	8	20	9. 6.	
For comparative purposes rate corrected for age and sex distribution				6. 65.	11. 3.
				Rate per 1000 Total Births.	
MATERNAL DEATHS		0	0	0	0. 72.
INFANT MORTALITY (Deaths under 1 yr of age)					
				Rate per 1000 Live Births	
Legitimate	0	0	0	0. 0.	27. 6.
Illegitimate	0	0	0		
DEATHS UNDER 2 YRS OF AGE DUE TO ENTERITIS.					
	0	0	0	0.	1. 1.

The following table gives the causes of death in accordance with the International Abbreviated List (1948).

Diseases		Males	Females
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	-
2.	Tuberculosis, other	-	-
3.	Syphilitic Disease	-	-
4.	Diphtheria	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	-	-
6.	Meningococcal infections	-	-
7.	Acute poliomyelitis	-	-
8.	Measles.	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-
10.	Malignant neoplasm stomach	1	-
11.	Malignant neoplasm lung bronchus	-	-
12.	Malignant neoplasm breast	-	-
13.	Malignant neoplasm uterus	-	-
14.	Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	1	1
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-
16.	Diabetes	-	-
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	1	1
18.	Coronary disease angina	3	1
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	-	3
20.	Other heart disease	2	2
21.	Other circulatory disease	1	-
22.	Influenza	-	-
23.	Pneumonia	-	-

Diseases	Males	Females
24. Bronchitis	1	-
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	-	-
26. Ulcer of Stomach and duodenum	-	-
27. Gastritis enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-
29. Hyperplasis of prostate	-	-
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	-	-
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	-	-
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	-
34. All other accidents	1	-
35. Suicide	-	-
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-
All causes	12.	8.

The following short table gives the percentage of those dying in the age group indicated.

Age Group	Percentage of Deaths Males	Percentage of Deaths Females
0 - 1 year	0	0
1 - 59 years	16. 6.	12.5.
60 - 69 years	33. 2.	25
70 - 79 years	25. 0.	25
80 - 89 years	25. 0.	25
90 plus.	0.	12. 5.

SECTION A.

Lostwithiel is a quiet country town set in pleasant surroundings in the valley of the Fowey River. The town has many historic associations and has some very well preserved buildings. The only industry of any consequence is the milk depot.

The meteorological data is as follows :-

	Rainfall	Max Temp °F	Min Temp °F.
January	5. 38.	49	22
February	1. 25.	56	21
March	4. 20	57	28
April	3. 50	71	26
May	3. 02	76	35
June	1. 04	85	39
July	1. 23	84	43
August	3. 58	76	39
September	5. 33	77	31
October	6. 01	61	30
November	5. 16	61	22
December	5. 21	52	24
Total	44. 91.		

Wettest day :	10th October	1. 32"
Highest Temperatures	20th June	85°F
	22nd July	84°F
Lowest Temperatures	4th February	21°F

SECTION B.

General Provision of Health Services.

Public Health Office.

(1) Medical Officer of Health. J. Turner, M.B., Ch. B., D.P.H.
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(2) Sanitary Inspector (Part Time) A.F.J. Webb A.R.S.I. Resigned.

Laboratory Facilities. These are available at the Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro, where all material is sent for investigation.

Diphtheria Prophylaxis. In addition to the supplies of diphtheria prophylacties previously available, supplies of whooping cough vaccine, both by itself, and combined with that for diphtheria, are available at the Area Health Office, St. Austell and can be obtained by Medical Practitioners on request.

Ambulance Facilities. These are provided by the County Council from the main ambulance station at St. Austell. In emergencies, at night, and at weekends, help is given by volunary staff from St. Austell, St. Blazey or Fowey.

Thanks are due to the Red Cross Society, to St. John's Ambulance Association, to Mrs. Batchelor, the organiser of the Hospital Car Service, and to the many ladies and gentlemen who provided transport by request.

The following table gives some idea of the work done by the St. Austell Centre for the whole district.

	Patients	Miles
Ambulances.	2607	44809.
Utilicons	9975	78334.
Voluntary Ambulances	292	8617.
Hospital Car Service.	2173	19463.
Totals	15047.	151,223.

NURSING IN THE HOME There is one District Nurse - Midwife - Health Visitor who is able to cope with all demands

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE The clinic has an average attendance of 9 at the monthly sessions.

HOSPITALS There are no hospitals in the area and patients are sent to St. Austell, Bodmin, Truro and Redruth. Patients with infectious diseases are sent to Truro Isolation Hospital when necessary.

CARE AND AFTER CARE None was provided.

DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE Thanks are due to Mrs. Liddicoat and to Mrs. Clark, who have administered this service. The establishment is the equivalent in spare time helps of two full time workers. A total of 6 persons were aided of whom none were maternity cases. Many of those helped were old people living alone.

SECTION C.

Sanitary Conditions of the District.

WATER The daily average supply from the various sources was 72, 500 gallons. Filter beds were cleaned regularly and sampling of the water showed that the supply was safe for drinking purposes.

DRAINAGE A Scheme for a Sewage Disposal Works was submitted to the Ministry, but this was turned down and the possibility of a smaller scheme for part of the town is being considered.

RAT CONTROL A rat catcher is available and the Council is now able to carry out its duties under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949. Periodic treatment of the Refuse Tip was carried out.

SECTION D.

Housing.

Pending the approval of the drainage scheme building is practically at a standstill. One house (Private Enterprise) was in course of erection at the end of the year, and two further Cornish Unit Houses are proposed for the Barn Park Estate. There are 27 names on the waiting list but this number will probably increase as soon as building recommences. It has not been necessary to serve any informal notices for sanitary and other defects.

SECTION E.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

MILK Routine inspections have been carried out on the premises and equipment of the two retailers in the District.

ICE CREAM There are 8 registered ice cream vendors but only one of those manufacturers his product. The others buy prepacked ice cream from reputable firms. Routine inspections show that all comply with the regulations and that premises and equipment are satisfactory.

FOOD INSPECTIONS Regular Inspections were carried out of the shops and bakehouses within the district. No action has been taken for the adulteration of food. Food condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption was as follows :-

1 X 12 ox. Tin Ham Loaf 3 Tins Baked Beans	Blown Cans.	W.

SECTION F.

Prevalence of and control over Infectious and Other Disease

Notification of the following infectious diseases were received during the year.

Disease	No of Cases.	Rate per 100 Population		
		Lostwithiel		England & Wales
		1951	1952	1952
Pneumonia	5	2. 3.	2.40.	0. 72.
Rheumatic Chorea	1	-	0.48.	-
Scarlet Fever	6	0. 5.	2.88.	1. 53.
Whooping Cough	1	1. 4.	0.48.	2. 61.

Two deaths due to pneumonia were recorded.

Diphtheria Immunisation The following table gives the number of children who at 31st December 1952 had completed a full course of immunisation at any time prior to that date.

Age at 31/12/52 i.e. born in year	Under 1 1952	1 51	2 50	3 49	4 48	5 - 9 43 - 47	10 - 14 38 - 42	Total under 15.
No. immunised	6	24	36	28	49	144	17	304.
Estimated mid-year Population 1952	172					268		440.
Percentage Immunised.	83%					60.0%		69.1%.

During the year 40 children were fully immunised and 153 given booster doses.

The immune state of the child population is generally satisfactory.

Smallpox Vaccination. 24 Primary Vaccinations and 3 revaccinations were given during the year.

Tuberculosis The number of cases on the register at 31/12/52 was as follows :-

	Male	Female	Total
Pulmonary	2	2	4
Non Pulmonary	0	0	0

During the year one female aged 23 years was notified as a pulmonary case and one male and one female pulmonary cases came to reside in the area. There were no deaths.

Two children have been given B.C.G. Vaccine as a protective measure.

FACTORIES ACTS. 1937 and 1948.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to Health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register.	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted.
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	12	10	NIL	NIL
(ii) Factories not included in (i) i n which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	5	4	"	"
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	"	"
TOTAL	17	14	-	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars	Found Remedied.	Referred To H .M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)				
Overcrowding (S. 2.)				
Unreasonable temperature (S. 3.)				
Inadequate ventilation(S. 4.)				
Ineffective drainage of floors (S. 6.)				
Sanitary Conveniences (S. 7.) (a) Insufficient	NO RECORD		N I L	
(b) Unsuitable or defective.				
(c) Not separate for sexes.				
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).				